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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bolt, et al.

Serial No: 10/072,527

Filed: February 5, 2002

For: STORAGE SYSTEM UTILIZING AN ACTIVE
SUBSET OF DRIVES DURING DATA
STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OPERATIONS

Examiner: Verbrugge, Kevin

Attorney Docket: Q02-1037-US1 / 11198.82

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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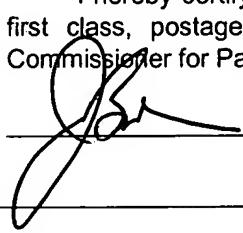
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Sir:

This amendment and response is to the Office Action dated February 13, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 13, 2004. This amendment and response is timely filed within the three month period for response. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below:

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**Invention: STORAGE SYSTEM UTILIZING AN ACTIVE SUBSET OF
DRIVES DURING DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OPERATIONS**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	38	MINUS	38	0	\$18	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	0	\$86	\$0

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

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Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

No additional fee is required.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.

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